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**REPLY AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1796
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0137

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kei TASHIRO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Application No.: 10/591,231)	Examiner: David J. Buttner
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Filed: August 31, 2006)	
)	Confirmation No.: 9331
For: NOVEL POLYMER COMPOUNDS)	
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING)	
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

Attachments to this paper consist of copies of the following:

- (1) S. Amnuaypornsi et al., *Green Strength of Natural Rubber: The Origin of the Stress-Strain Behavior of Natural Rubber*, Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Vol. 111, pp. 2127-2133 (2009); and
- (2) Relevant portions of Komuro et al., *Treatise of Technologies for Processing Synthetic Rubbers, Isoprene Rubbers*, Vol. 1 (1975), including an English translation.